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SUBJ: RADIO VOICE OF GOSPEL NATIONALIZED

REF: ADDIS ABABA 1479 (NOTAL)

1. MARCH 13 ETHIOPIAN HERALD ARTICLE CONFIRMED NATIONALIZATION OF RADIO VOICE OF THE GOSPEL (RVOG) REPORTED REFTEL. RVOG HAD BEEN RUN BY GENEVA -BASED WORLD LUTHERAN FEDERATION UNDER AGREEMENT OF FEBRUARY 15, 1961. RVOG HAS BEEN RENAMED RADIO VOICE OF REVOLUTIONARY ETHIOPIA AND WILL BE UNDER CONTROL OF MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND NATIONAL GUIDANCE.

2. ARTICLE NOTED IMPORTANCE OF MASS MEDIA FOR POLITICIZING MASSES AND THAT MEDIA HAVE SPECIAL ROLE TO PLAY IN REVOLUTIONARY ETHIOPIA. IT NOTED IMPERIALISTS USE RADIO STATIONS ESTABLISHED UNDER VARIOUS GUISES AND COVERS TO BELITTLE AND RIDICULE PROGRESSIVE SOCIETIES AND TO LAUNCH
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MAJOR ACTS OF SABOTAGE UNDER THE COVER OF "FREEDOM" OR "RELIGION". RVOG ESTABLISHED UNDER FORMER FEUDO-CAPITALIST REGIME AND TO THIS DAY CONTINUES ECHO GOURGEOIS IDEOLOGY. IN NEW ETHIOPIA WHERE RELIGIOUS EQUALITY HAS BEEN PROCLAIAMED, IT CLEAR THAT TO ALLOW RVOG TO CONTINUE TANTAMOUNT TO RELIGIOUS FAVORITISM. AT PRESENT, ANY ORGANIZATION WHICH DOES NOT ASSIST REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE

IS OPPOSED TO IT.

3. NO MENTION MADE OF COMPENSATION. ETHIOPIAN EMPLOYEES WILL BECOME GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, WITH FOREIGN NATIONALS TO BE EMPLOYED ON CONTRACT BASIS AS REQUIRED . IT PROBABLE THAT RVOG'S WESTERN EMPLOYEES WILL DEPART IN NEAR FUTURE.

4. CONTROL OF RVOG'S FACILITIES WILL GREATLY INCREASE EPMG'S ABILITY TO TRANSMIT ITS REVOLUTIONARY MESSAGE BOTH AT HOME AND THROUGHOUT REGION. RECENT ANTI-ETHIOPIAN BROADCASTS FROM SUDAN MAY HAVE ICED EPMG DECISION TO NATIONALIZE RVOG, AND IT RUMORED THAT ONE FUNCTION OF NEW STATION WILL BE TO ATTEMPT JAM SUDANESE BROADCASTS.
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